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**CHAFEE ANNOUNCES \$2.38 MILLION FOR TERMINAL
SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS AT T.F. GREEN AIRPORT**

WASHINGTON, DC – U. S. Senator Lincoln Chafee today announced that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security has informed him that the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC) has been awarded two grants for Airport Terminal Security Enhancements at T.F. Green Airport. The funding for these grants was appropriated to the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) as part of the 2002 Supplemental Appropriations Act.

“I am pleased that T.F. Green is one of the first eight airports in the country to receive these Terminal Security Enhancements,” said Senator Chafee. “These grants will ensure that our airport is equipped with the most advanced technology available to protect all who travel to and from Rhode Island.”

A \$1.18 million grant will allow for the purchase and installation of an advanced ground radar-based security display system for detecting “rogue” persons or vehicles inside the airport perimeter. This technology will be installed to enhance the new ASDE-X ground radar deployed to prevent aircraft collisions on the ground. This grant will help determine if modifications to the existing ground radar system, which address safety-related issues can be modified to also address security-related issues.

The second grant for T.F. Green is \$1.2 million for the purchase and deployment of a state-of-the-art video surveillance system for detecting and tracking unauthorized persons and vehicles that may breach the perimeter of the airport. T.F. Green plans to use both systems cooperatively to track an intruder.

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